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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A traveling mower, comprising:
a traveling body provided with a mowing mechanism;
a grass collection box for storing grass mowed by the mowing mechanism,
the grass collection box being pivotally connected to the traveling body so that it is switchable between a grass collection posture for receiving grass and a discharge posture for discharging grass to ground; and
a manual operation member pivotable about a stationary axis arranged at the traveling body for switching the postures of the grass collection box; and an interlock mechanism for associating the grass collection box and the manual operation member with each other;
wherein the interlock mechanism includes ~~[[a]] switching mechanism that increases means for increasing~~ a turning angle of the grass collection box per unit operation angle of the manual operation member about the axis when the grass collection box is empty or substantially empty and that reduces the turning angle when the grass collection box contains much grass;
wherein the interlock mechanism includes:
an arm link for turning the grass collection box, and
a connection pin to which a force from the manual operation member is applied, the arm link being formed with an elongated groove for movably receiving the connection pin; and
wherein the connection pin is moved along the elongated groove by the switching means toward a rotation center of the arm link when the grass collection box is empty or substantially empty, the connection pin being moved along the elongated groove away from the rotation center of the arm link when the grass collection box contains much grass.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The traveling mower according to claim 1, wherein the grass collection box comprises a support frame providing a framework of the grass collection box, a support plate

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defining a bottom surface of the grass collection box, and a bag made of a net or cloth and covering the support frame and the support plate;

wherein an end of the support plate which is closer to an opening of the grass collection box is pivotably connected to the support frame, whereas another end of the support plate is connected to the support frame via a buffer which resists against the pivotal movement of the support plate.

4. (Original) The traveling mower according to claim 3, wherein the buffer comprises a spring having elasticity.